

**CITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**January 6, 2014**

The Honorable Council of the City of Evansville met on regular session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, January 6, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, Room 301 Civic Center Complex, Evansville, Indiana, with President Connie Robinson presiding. The following business was conducted.

**These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript. Audiotapes of this meeting are on file in the City Clerk's Office.**

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** McGinn, Mosby, Brinkerhoff-Riley, Friend, Lindsey, Adams, O'Daniel, Weaver, Robinson.

There being nine (9) members present and zero (0) members absent and nine (9) members representing a quorum, I hereby declare this session of the Common Council officially open.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

This evening the pledge of allegiance will be led by Councilman Friend.

**President Robinson:** Fellow Councilmen and those in the audience, welcome to the January 6, 2014 meeting of the Common Council.

**RECOGNITION OF SCHOOLS**

Do we have any students in the audience tonight?

**COUNCIL ATTORNEY**

This evening Scott Danks is the City Council Attorney.

**SERGEANT AT ARMS**

Officer Smith is the Sergeant at Arms this evening.

**READING AND AMENDMENT OF MINUTES**

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2013 and the December 27, 2013 meetings of the Common Council as written?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman Adams seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the regular meetings of the Common Council held December 16, 2013 and December 27, 2013 as written. Voice vote. So ordered.

**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**EMAILED MATERIAL:**

\*Expired City Council Appointments on the Agenda for January 6<sup>th</sup>

**ON YOUR DESK THIS EVENING:**

\*Extended Agenda for January 6, 2014

\*Committee Meeting Schedule

**President Robinson:** Can I have a motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications part of the minutes of the meeting?

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman O'Daniel seconded the motion to receive, file and make these reports and communications a part of the minutes of the meeting. Voice vote. So ordered.

**NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014**

**President Robinson:** At this time, I'll call for nominations of officers for year 2014. The first will be...are there any nominations for President?

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yes Madam President, I would nominate Councilman John Friend.

**Councilman Adams:** I'd second that.

**President Robinson:** Okay, Council member Brinkerhoff-Riley moved to nominate Councilman Friend for President of the City Council for the Year 2014. Councilman Adams seconded.

Are there any other nominations for President? Okay, I need a motion to close it.

Councilman O'Daniel moved to close the nominations for President. Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion to close the nominations for President.

There being no further motions for President, I call for a vote to elect Council member Friend as President of the City Council for the Year 2014. Voice vote. There being nine (9) ayes and zero (0) nays, Councilman Friend now stands as President of the City Council for the Year 2014.

**Councilman Adams:** How quickly can you move?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** *(Off Mic)* That was two years in the *(Inaudible)* right there.

**Councilman Adams:** No wonder you wore a tiara.

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**President Friend:** Oh boy. Well I sure appreciate it. Thanks so much folks. Anyway, thank you Connie for serving so well as president...

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Thank you.

**President Friend:**...for the last two years. Okay, with that we need to move forward to nominations for Vice-President.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** I nominate Councilwoman Riley.

**Councilman Adams:** I'll second that.

**President Friend:** Okay, we have a motion made by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Dan Adams. Do we have any other position for VP?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** I move to close the nominations.

**President Friend:** Okay, I have a motion made by Councilman O'Daniel. I have a second?

**Councilman Lindsey:** Second.

**President Friend:** Second by Councilman Lindsey. With that, have a roll call. I mean just a vote. Ayes? Nays?

**Councilwoman Mosby:** No.

**Councilman Weaver:** Nay.

**President Friend:** I'm sorry, we had...

**Councilwoman Mosby:** Nay.

**Councilman Weaver:** Nay.

**President Friend:** Two nays? Okay, two nays. Let the record show that we have two nays, one by Councilwoman Mosby and one by Councilman Weaver. With that, Vice President Riley, thank you.

Okay with that, I like to move to try to move into the Chair, the Committees. With that, I like to request if possible, Connor would you like to be our new Finance Chairman?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** I would accept that.

**President Friend:** That'd be great, and with that, I like to have, I believe, myself be with you and Doc, would you mind serving with us, and obviously, Dan, you got to be with us as well and the other one be Connie. You have a problem Connie?

**Councilwoman Robinson:** No.

**President Friend:** And with that, okay, that would be our Finance Chair.

And now moving on with the A.S.D., Doc, could you be our A.S.D. Chairman?

**Councilman Adams:** Sure.

**President Friend:** Okay with that, I like to have, let's see, I wrote this; I had some notes made here. It'd be, with that, Jonathan, could you be on that A.S.D. Committee please and Stephanie, would you be on there as well?

All right with that then, Al, could you maybe fill in the Public Works Committee for us? With that, you would have, of course, Dan and myself, and Missy, could you be on that?

**Councilwoman Mosby:** Yes.

**President Friend:** Thank you Missy. And Connie, could you do that as well?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** *(Inaudible)* olive branch.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Yes.

**President Friend:** Thank you Connie. You're sweet. I appreciate that. With that then, let's see, I got get my hands here; what I need next thing here.

Okay, all right. Got the Chair, got that.

As it relates to liaisons, I think I...I think I like to try to talk to everybody for the next meeting and we'll talk about the liaisons. Will that be okay with everybody to do that? And how everybody fits in. I've got some feedback from some people. I thought we'd...but if there's any meetings between now and the next time we meet, whoever is on those liaison before, please fill in. I mean please do that if we could. I don't want to keep anybody in the lurch. Okay?

Now let's see what...I got to get my...okay, where's my...here it is. Ah! Here we go. Alrighty. I got that. That's in there. Okay.

**Unidentified Speaker:** *(Off Mic)*

**President Friend:** Ah, yes. Yes, thank you. Sports Grants. Okay, we need I guess the Finance Subcommittee Chair for the Youth Leadership Grants. I haven't given much thought to who really...somebody...

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Why don't you...you going to wait til next time to do that?

**President Friend:** Well, I guess we could do that.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** You could wait til next time so you can talk to everyone.

**President Friend:** Yeah, why don't we do that? We have some...yeah. Be okay? Alright, so we'll just hold that until next time; be alright.

Okay, all right. Okay we don't....

**City Clerk Windhorst:** *(Off Mic)* You need to set the meetings.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** You need to set the meetings.

**President Friend:** Oh yeah, here we go. All right, the meetings will be...a motion...okay here we go. I need a motion to set the meeting times for 2014.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** So moved.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Second.

**President Friend:** I had a motion made by Councilwoman Robinson and seconded by Councilwoman Riley. Okay, the meetings will be held at 5:30 every Monday of the month of the year 2014 unless we have something on holidays. I have a voice vote on that? 5:30? Ayes? It carries. Okay.

All right, we have...

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FIRST READING OF ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS**

Nothing filed for First Reading

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Nothing filed for Second Reading

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Nothing filed for Third Reading

**President Friend:** Okay, thank you Madam Clerk.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

There will be no meeting on January 13 or 20 January 20 as well. The next meeting of the Common Council will be Monday, January 27, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Mr. President?

**President Friend:** Yes.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** On the meeting schedule, when you...we just voted on...you mean the schedule that we've circulated already and it's not every Monday but it's at least two Mondays a month.

**Council Attorney Danks:** Each Monday that the Council meets will be at 5:30.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Okay.

**President Friend:** Be 5:30. We haven't changed anything. Everything's going to be about the same. And I think we have passed out the schedules for this year.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yeah.

**President Friend:** Have we not?

**City Clerk Windhorst:** We actually advertised to meet every Monday so then that way if there is a special meeting we don't have to do a special advertisement. We just announce when there is not a meeting on the Monday just as we announced there is no meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> or the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** All right. I guess that's the confusion because there really...because it sounds like...

**Councilman O'Daniel:** It provides some leeway, just in case.

**President Friend:** I must say I was a little...thought that we going to be change it every Monday but thanks for clarification on that.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** And I think that's what we did last year and the year before from my recollection so...

**President Friend:** Okay, all right on the Board Appointment Approvals, I guess we're going to hold that over til next...looks like we need a...

**Councilwoman Robinson:** We're going to do those tonight.

**President Friend:** Pardon me?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** *(Off Mic)* Let's go ahead and do these.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** We'll do those.

**President Friend:** Okay, let's do that. That'll be fine.

**\* Board Appointment Approval: ANIMAL CONTROL AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**President Friend:** Okay, we need approval of the Mayors' re-appointment of Tom Shoulders to the Animal Control and Educational Committee for a four-year term starting 01/01/14 through 12/31/17.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** So moved.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Second.

**President Friend:** I had a motion made by Councilman O'Daniel and seconded by Councilwoman Robinson. Voice vote. So ordered. All right.

**\*CITY COUNCIL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS**

**AFFORDABLE HUSING FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Councilman O'Daniel:** Can we just...let's just read all these in and then...

**President Friend:** Just read 'em in; go from there. Okay.

MOREANE EAKINS  
MONTE FETTER  
GWENDOLYN LESTER  
WILBERT ROBINSON

FOUR (4) YEARS 01/01/2014 - 12/31/17  
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**BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF CONSTRUCTION & ROOFING**

CARL SHEPHERD

ONE (1) YEAR 01/01/14 – 12/31/14

**CITY OF EVANSVILLE ENDOWMENT FUND**

DAN MCGINN (Council Minority Leader)  
JOHN FRINED (Council President)  
CONOR O'DANIEL (Council Finance Chair)

ONE (1) YEAR 01/01/14 – 12/31/14  
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**Councilman Adams:** By law, do we have to have either the President or...

**Councilwoman Robinson:** It's by the statute that we wrote but last year because I asked for you to serve in my term but it has to be the President, the Finance Chairman and the Minority Leader.

**President Friend:** Okay.

**Councilman Adams:** *(Off Mic)* If you run into a time-crunch, I'll be glad to cover that for you because I know it pretty well.

**President Friend:** Oh yeah, appreciate that and I guess be Conor, you'll be on that. Okay

**COMMISSION OF SOCIAL STATUS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN MALES**

REVEREND GERALD ARNOLD  
MATORY BAILEY  
BRAD HILL  
ANNA MORROW-OWSLEY  
OSCAR MCGEE

TWO (2) YEARS 01/01/14 – 12/31/15  
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**Councilwoman Robinson:** I think Reverend Gerald Arnold, I think he resigned so...

**President Friend:** Did he resign?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** *(Off Mic)* He resigned.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Pardon?

**Councilman O'Daniel:** *(Off Mic)* He resigned.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Yeah, he resigned, okay, so we'll have another replacement for him.

**President Friend:** Are we going to get that for the next time?

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Uh-hem.

**President Friend:** Okay.

**ELECTRICAL EXAMINERS BOARD**

**JIM DEWIG**

**ONE (1) YEAR 01/01/14 – 12/31/14**

**EVANSVILLE URBAN ENTERPRISE ASSOCIATION BOARD**

**VACANT (Republican Zone Resident)**

**THREE (3) YEARS 01/01/14 – 12/31/16**

**President Friend:** And we have I guess a vacancy on the Evansville Enterprise Association Board.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** I'm on that Board and I'll talk to them at our next meeting about finding a Republican Zone Resident. We, you know, we'll talk about it.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Okay.

**President Friend:** Okay, and...

**Councilwoman Robinson:** The Commission...?

**HAYNIE'S CORNER ART DISTRICT ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**VACANT (Resident of District with Low/Moderate Income) TWO (2) YEARS 01/01/14 – 12/31/15**

**PHIL RASPBERRY**

**TWO (2) YEARS 01/01/14 – 12/31/15**

**Councilwoman Robinson:** We have a vacancy.

**President Friend:** We have a vacancy.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Yeah we had tried to appoint Brian Bennett because he owns Penny Lane but he's actually...

**Councilwoman Robinson:** *(Inaudible)*

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** Tech...well and he's not a resident; he just owns a business and so it has remained vacant.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Plus you have to be low to moderate income.

**Councilwoman Brinkerhoff-Riley:** And I don't...I'm not sure there is a definition of that.

**Councilman O'Daniel:** *(Off Mic)* If anybody's interested, they should *(Inaudible)*.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** Yeah, I have a name. I just need to ask that individual if they're interested.

**TREE ADVISORY BOARD**

**LARRY CAPLAN**

**FOUR (4) YEARS 01/01/2014 - 12/31/17**

**DAVID BALLEW**

**FOUR (4) YEARS 01/01/2014 - 12/31/17**

**President Friend:** Okay, I need a motion to accept the City Council appointments.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** So moved.

**Councilman Adams:** Second.

**President Friend:** I had a motion made by Councilwoman Robinson, seconded by Councilman Adams. Voice vote. So ordered.



Okay, I guess we've got Committee Reports, which be A.S.D.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A.S.D. COMMITTEE:**

**CHAIRMAN ADAMS**

Nothing scheduled at this time.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

**CHAIRMAN O'DANIEL**

Nothing scheduled at this time although I'm sure our Controller will be sending something to us.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:**

**CHAIRMAN LINDSEY**

Nothing scheduled at this time.

**President Friend:** Okay, that was quick.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**President Friend:** Okay, I'd entertain a motion for adjournment.

**Councilwoman Robinson:** John, you might have someone in the audience.

**President Friend:** Oh, I may. Yeah, thank you for that. Anybody out in the audience like to address the Council on any matter?

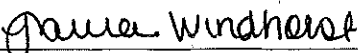
With that, hey, Happy New Year to everybody.

Hey, with that I'll entertain a motion.

Councilwoman Mosby moved and Councilman Lindsey seconded the motion to adjourn.

Voice Vote. So Ordered.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
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Laura Windhorst, City Clerk

  
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John Friend, President